

**State Board of Review Meeting
National Register of Historic Places
South Carolina Department of Archives and History
State Historic Preservation Office**

Minutes of the December 18, 2019 Meeting

The State Board of Review meeting was held in the Wachovia room of the South Carolina Archives and History Center, 8301 Parklane Road, in Columbia, South Carolina.

Members Present

Ms. Kathryn Saunders Pemberton (Vice-Chair), Mr. Chris Judge, Dr. J. Edward Lee, Ms. Amy Moore, Dr. William C. Schmidt, Jr., (substituting for Chairman William L. Kinney, Jr.), and Ms. Patricia Lowe Smith.

Members Absent

Ms. Meg Gaillard, Mr. Derek Gruner, Dr. A.V. Huff, Jr., Ms. Mary Katherine Hyman, and Dr. Kathryn Silva.

Call to Order

Ms. Saunders Pemberton called the meeting to order at 10:45 A.M. and welcomed everyone in attendance. She explained that she would be chairing meeting in the absence of Mr. Kinney, who was unable to attend. She also introduced Dr. Schmidt, who had agreed to substitute for Mr. Kinney in his absence. Dr. Schmidt is a member of the South Carolina Archives & History Commission and expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to participate in the day's meeting. Ms. Saunders Pemberton also announced that Ms. Meg Gaillard's term on the board was expiring after this meeting and expressed appreciation for her service.

Approval of Minutes

The members received the minutes of the July 26, 2019, meeting by mail (or e-mail) in the packets prior to the meeting. Dr. Lee made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Mr. Judge. The motion was approved unanimously.

Introduction of Board Members

Ms. Saunders Pemberton invited each of the board members to stand and introduce themselves. Each member stated their name and professional affiliations.

Remarks

Ms. Saunders Pemberton invited Dr. W. Eric Emerson, director of the Department of Archives and History and State Historic Preservation Officer, to offer remarks. Dr. Emerson

welcomed attendees to the South Carolina Archives and History Center and explained the various operations that occur there.

Ms. Saunders Pemberton then welcomed Ms. Elizabeth M. Johnson, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, for remarks. Ms. Johnson likewise welcomed attendees and introduced Mr. Brad Sauls, Supervisor of Survey, Registration, Grants, and Local Government Programs, as well as the National Register staff present, Dr. Edwin Breeden and Ms. Virginia Harness.

Explanation of Procedure

Ms. Saunders Pemberton outlined the procedure that would follow for considering each of the nominations, explaining that presenters would have eight minutes for each nomination, to be followed by statements and comments from visitors; questions from board members; uninterrupted board discussion; and a board decision.

Consideration of Nominations

Beginning at 10:52, the following nominations were considered:

1. **Gaston Livery Stable (Aiken, Aiken County)** was presented by the preparer, Ms. Coleen Reed of the Friends of Gaston Livery Stable. Ms. Harness noted that SHPO had received a letter of support for the nomination from the City of Aiken Design Review Board. Ms. Moore expressed her excitement at the nomination and praised the Friends for the work done restoring and preserving the stable, noting it seemed to be a particularly valuable resource for Aiken. She asked how the Friends plan to use the building, and Ms. Reed said they hope to use it for living history programming, weekend tours, and demonstrations of historical building arts. Ms. Moore made a motion, seconded by Ms. Smith, for approval of the nomination at the local level of significance. The Board approved the motion unanimously.
2. **Dianna Brown Antique Shop (Charleston, Charleston County)** was presented by the preparer, Mr. Ralph Muldrow of the College of Charleston. Ms. Harness noted that letters of support for the nomination had been received from Charleston Mayor John Tecklenburg and Dr. Bernard Powers of the College of Charleston, portions of which Mr. Muldrow read during his presentation. Ms. Saunders Pemberton noted the attendance of the property's owners and praised Mr. Muldrow's work on the nomination. She then asked if the owners would like to comment. One owner, Stuart Gross, highlighted that two of Dianna Brown's descendants had helped research the nomination and expressed their excitement at the project. Mr. Judge asked if any archaeological resources had been identified on the property. Mr. Gross replied that they had approved a request from a local group to dig for artifacts, which uncovered several items as well as a cistern. Marlena Parker, the property's other owner, pointed out that several horseshoes had been found during the excavation. Mr. Judge made a motion, seconded by Dr. Schmidt, for approval of the nomination at the local level of significance. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

3. **Engineering-Management Building (North Charleston, Charleston County)** was presented by the preparer Ms. Jane Campbell, of Rogers, Lewis, Jackson, Mann & Quinn, LLC. Ms. Saunders Pemberton noted the relative scarcity of brutalist buildings in downtown Charleston and asked what was planned for the building. Ms. Campbell said it may be used for offices or as a mixed-use space. Ms. Moore asked who owns the building, and Ms. Campbell answered that it was owned by two Charleston residents. Ms. Harness informed the board that the National Park Service had already approved Part 1 of an Historic Preservation Certification Application for the property. Mr. Judge asked if the nomination was being put forward despite not yet being fifty-years-old in order to apply for tax credits, which Ms. Campbell confirmed while adding that there was concern over the building's future given pressures to redevelop properties throughout the surrounding Charleston Navy Yard. Ms. Smith said she was familiar with such pressures. Ms. Saunders Pemberton expressed her support for the nomination, noting the relative neglect afforded brutalist architecture. Regarding the Criterion G consideration for exceptional significance given the building's construction less than fifty years ago, she noted that many similar buildings have not survived fifty years. Dr. Lee made a motion, seconded by Ms. Smith, for approval of the nomination at the local level of significance. The Board approved the motion unanimously.
4. **Piedmont Mill Stores Building (Piedmont, Greenville County)** was presented by the preparer, Mr. Kyle Campbell of Preservation South, LLC. Ms. Moore expressed interest in the building's historical occupancy by multiple individual merchants and asked how common such an arrangement was. Mr. Campbell said he had found no similar example in the Upstate. Ms. Moore also noted the elaborate design of the sign historically mounted on top of the building, and Mr. Campbell said that while it is unknown what was historically printed on the sign, it would read "Piedmont Mill Manufacturing, 1905" upon its reinstallation. Ms. Saunders Pemberton pointed out how many remnants of the building's changing uses over the years were evident, including a wooden skating rink floor and the outlines of steps in a movie theater. Ms. Moore made a motion to approve the nomination at the local level of significance, seconded by Dr. Schmidt. The Board approved the motion unanimously.
5. **Sun Fun Motel (Myrtle Beach, Horry County)** was presented by the preparer, Ms. Jane Campbell, of Rogers, Lewis, Jackson, Mann & Quinn, LLC. Ms. Saunders Pemberton asked if the property was still being used as a motel, which Ms. Campbell confirmed, adding that the property's owner also owned another motel across the street still being used for that purpose. She said they plan to continue operating them as motels but hope to rehabilitate them. Ms. Saunders Pemberton asked how close the nominated property was to the Myrtle Beach Downtown Historic District. Ms. Campbell answered it was 10-15 blocks away. Ms. Moore asked if Ms. Campbell knew when ocean-side motels like Sun Fun first began adding swimming pools. Ms. Campbell was unsure when the broader trend began but confirmed that the Sun Fun pool was part of the motel's original 1963 construction. Dr. Lee made a motion to approve the nomination at the local level of significance, seconded by Mr. Judge. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

6. **Clinton Commercial Historic District (boundary increase & boundary decrease) (Clinton, Laurens County)** was presented by the preparer, Ms. Meg Southern of Garvin Design Group. Ms. Harness noted that letters of support for this nomination had been received from property owners Elizabeth McKinney, Charles W. McKinney Sr., and Agnes Ross Davis. Ms. Moore made a motion to approve the nomination at the local level of significance, seconded by Dr. Schmidt. The Board approved the motion unanimously.
7. **Clinton Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church (Union, Union County)** was presented by Dr. Edwin Breeden of the State Historic Preservation Office on behalf of the current property owners and Ms. Ragan Ramsey, co-preparer who was originally scheduled to present. Ms. Ann Stevens-Brown, representative of AME Zion Spartanburg District, thanked the SHPO staff for their assistance preparing the nomination. She noted that the AME Zion church is currently leasing the property to another congregation but they hope to make repairs to the building and have it once again host an AME Zion congregation. Ms. Harness pointed out that SHPO first became aware of Clinton Chapel nearly thirty years ago but had struggled until recently to locate sufficient documentation on the church's history. She expressed gratitude to Ms. Stevens-Brown for helping to revive the project and excitement at the nomination's completion. Dr. Lee made a motion to approve the nomination at the local level of significance, seconded by Ms. Smith. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

Other Business

Ms. Saunders Pemberton thanked the board members in attendance for being willing to accommodate a December meeting date in the wake of the November meeting's cancellation. She also thanked Dr. Schmidt for standing in for Mr. Kinney. She then announced the following upcoming Review Board meeting dates:

The spring 2020 meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 20, 2020.

The summer 2020 meeting is scheduled for Friday, July 24, 2020.

The fall 2020 meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 20, 2020.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Ms. Saunders Pemberton asked for a motion to adjourn. Dr. Lee made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dr. Schmidt. The meeting adjourned at 12:09 PM.